PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

METHOD OF PROVIDING AN

AUTOMATED PACKAGE

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STORAGE AND PICKUP OF A

PACKAGE AT A RETIAL SITE AND COMMUNICATIONS TO PACKAGE

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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is an informal application for patent as above identified, comprising a specification, claims, abstract and drawings, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial Number 09/701,185, filed November 6, 2000.

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3. Title: AUTOMATED PACKAGE RECEPTACLE FOR THE RECEIPT. STORAGE AND PICKUP OF A PACKAGE AT COMMUNICATIONS TO PACKAGE RECIPIENTS

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4. Priority: U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/173,739 filed December 30, 1999

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5. Drawings: Sheets of drawings containing 5 figures

6. Claims: <u>24</u> claims

7. Small Entity: Small Entity Status is asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

Please accept the application for purposes of granting a filing date pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) and recognize Lester N. Fortney, James G Porcelli; and William H. Logsdon, Registration Nos. 38,141, 33,757; and 22,132, respectively, as attorneys in this application, pending the filing of a formal Declaration and Power of Attorney and payment of the filing fee. 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f).

Kindly direct all communications relating to this application to James G. Porcelli.

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